

Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes for 7/1/2026

Call to Order - 6:32PM

Selection of Recording Secretary – Davis McCarthy

Approve Meeting Minutes—Yes

Recreation Field:

- Under Attack Mobile Nerf Parties will pay \$25 to use the town field. Under Attack Mobile Nerf Parties still want to store their stuff at the recreation field.
- AARP grant expires at the end of calendar year 2026
- Emily called ANR, a draft is being worked on by ANR, but it is taking some time to complete, ANR keeps assuring the recreation committee that the lease will happen.
- Eric is questioning whether a for-profit entity should be able to rent out the town recreation field. Should there be a policy? Charge different rates for different entities, possibly based on the direct benefit to the town?
- Emily: reads email from Shiela reviewing the current policy.
- Eric: for-profit and non-profit are the same when based on the “direct benefit” to the town.
- Janis: notes the renting entities objective should be clear. Possibly different rates for resident vs non-resident fees?
- Davis: notes that the recreation committee should have a mission statement for the recreation field: make it beautiful, get more people (old and young and in between) to the field, use what we got.
- Eric: Will reach out to the select board to figure out if we can submit our own policy (does it have to go through the select board because of the fees?)
- Emily: We should source the public interest. If we don’t move and wait for the the lease, we are condensing the time to benefit from the AARP grant.
- Eric: what if the public does not want the walking path?
- Emily: we would forfeit the AARP grant money.
- Emily: the AARP grant allows for walking trail, benches, way-finding signs and parking spaces.
- Davis: Notes that the recreation committee should focusing on just creating a hiking/walking trail just to access one side of the field or the other.
- Dave: Maybe we should just add a swing-set verse a whole jungle gym.
- Kevin: Notes that town ditching on Reservoir Rd. may impact water table on the recreation field.
- Dave: Suggests a metal table verse a wood table so people don’t easily take it or burn it.
- Davis: at least get a path to a bench to the view?
- Emily: Invest in what the neighbors want to see. Welcoming of people for input.
- Emily: August-October is our window to complete any work on the recreation field
- Davis: Wright’s Mountain has nice benches, I’ll see if I can find who makes the benches.
- Davis: Suggests a pond for slowing water, don’t want water moving too fast or not draining at all.
- Eric: Notes State of VT may require sediment catches on the recreation field.
- Kevin: Swale it
- Janis: quotes for stuff? Chain link on benches
- Emily: DOC for signs, or local sign makers? One of the recreation committee members should attend the select board meeting to figure out what Kevin was saying about the culvert/ditching work.
- Kevin: Solar lights so people can see at night if they’re using it? Lights that shine down?
- Emily: agrees on lights pointing down to prevent pollinator disruption.

- Eric: let's get the square footage of the lot we intend to use so we have
- Janis: Janis driveway, Davis benches, Eric food for BBQ, Dave swing-set, Kevin All State to see about material
- Eric: September should be when we have a plan together
- Davis: has square footage and map that the recreation committee can use for brainstorming and planning.

Town Forest Update

- Davis: notes that any VASA or VAST trails should not be hiking trails and that we should consider how motorized vehicles may disrupt wildlife. Many Town Forests close hiking trails in the spring for nesting birds or wildlife with dens.
- Eric: Put VASA and VAST trails on the same trail so we're not putting it on hiking trails.
- Kevin: Dogs on leashes.

Other Business

- Welcome to the Recreation Field gathering
- No bouncy houses allowed at the recreation field
- Construction work starts August 1st, possibly goes to December?
- Meeting at the school next time on 8/5/2026

Calendar: Updated

Selection of Moderator and Agenda Development for Next Meeting:

- Emily

Adjournment 19:57